

**Listing of Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A local drug delivery apparatus comprising:

a medical device for implantation into a treatment site of a living organism;

a layer including ~~at least one agent~~ a rapamycin in therapeutic dosages incorporated in a polymeric matrix and affixed to the medical device for the treatment of reactions by the living organism caused by the medical device or the implantation thereof; and

a ~~non-polymeric~~ biocompatible, water soluble powder applied to a surface of the polymeric matrix ~~for preventing~~ configured to prevent the layer affixed to the medical device from separating from the medical device prior to implantation of the medical device at the treatment site.

Claim 2 (original): The local drug delivery apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the medical device comprises an intraluminal medical device.

Claim 3 (original): The local drug delivery apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the intraluminal medical device comprises a stent.

Claim 4 (cancelled):

Claim 5 (cancelled):

Claim 6 (cancelled):

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Claim 7 (cancelled):

Claim 8 (cancelled):

Claim 9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (cancelled).

Claim 15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (previously presented): The local drug delivery apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the water-soluble powder comprises an anti-oxidant.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The local drug delivery apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the water-soluble powder comprises an anti-coagulant.

Claim 18-51 (cancelled)

Claim 52 (cancelled)